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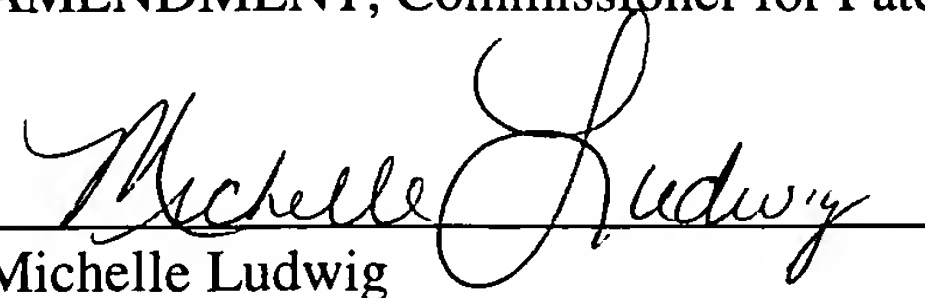
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005, setting a three-month deadline for response. In a separate Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a three-month extension. Thus, this response is timely filed by April 7, 2006. No additional fees are believed due in connection with the filing of the instant paper. However, should any such fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be due for any reason relating to this application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Account No. 13-4125. Please amend the claims as indicated below.